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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

RESOLUTION

New Delhi, the 8th April 1959

No. AE. Ind. 1(11)/59.—The progress of the automobile industry in the country was reviewed by the Tariff Commission in 1953 and in 1956. A fresh review is now considered desirable not only to assess the progress made by the industry but to cover a wider field so as to enable Government to take a view on long term problems such as the role which the automobile industry should play in the Third Plan and the possibility of producing a more economic car for the common man.

2. Accordingly, the Government have decided, in consultation with the Planning Commission and the Tariff Commission, to set up a Committee constituted as follows:—

1. Shri L. K. Jha, I.C.S., Addl. Secretary, Ministry of Commerce & Industry—*Chairman*.
 2. Rear Admiral D. Shankar, Director-General of Ordnance Factories—*Member*.
 3. Dr. S. K. Muranjan, Member, Tariff Commission—*Member*.
 4. Prof. B. N. Das Gupta, Chartered Accountant—*Member*.
 5. Dr. B. D. Kalelkar, Senior Industrial Adviser (Engineering), Ministry of Commerce & Industry—*Member*.
 6. Shri D. D. Suri, Ministry of Transport and Communications—*Member*.
 7. A representative of a State Transport Undertaking—*Member*.
3. The terms of reference of the Committee will be as follows:—
- (a) To review the progress of the automobile industry and automobile ancillary industries and recommend measures to increase the indigenous content of the different vehicles in the shortest possible time, he targets and schedules envisaged in 1956, when programmes of the different producers were approved;
 - (b) To recommend measures to be taken to reduce the cost to the consumer of different vehicles (car, jeep and truck) under manufacture by the automobile industry and suggest the most appropriate pattern of organisation for the future expansion of the industry to ensure low-cost production;
 - (c) To examine the feasibility of producing a car within the price range of Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 7,000 scope of such examination not only schemes previously presented to Government, but also other models of cars that have been developed in different countries and suggest ways and means of manufacturing such a car in the country;

- (d) To recommend targets of production of different types of vehicles for the Third Five Year Plan; and
- (e) To indicate the financial implications, including foreign exchange, of development programmes that might be suggested under (a), (b) and (c) above.

4. Shri V. P. S. Menon, Industrial Adviser, Development Wing, Ministry of Commerce & Industry will be the Secretary of the Committee in addition to his other duties.

5. The Government of India trust that the automobile industry and the automobile ancillary industry, associations, trade and the members of the public who may be interested in the subject of the Committee's enquiry will afford the Committee all the assistance in their power and supply it with such information as it may require. All communications may be addressed to the Secretary of the Committee.

6. The Committee is expected to submit its report to Government by the 31st August, 1959.

ORDER

Ordered that a copy of the Resolution be communicated to all concerned and that it be published in the Gazette of India for general information.

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